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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RO, US, SA

SUBJECT: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN SAUDI ARABIA

REF: STATE 112959

1. FEW DAYS AGO AT SOCIAL GATHERING ROMANIAN AMB
LEVENTE REFERRED TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMB
PICKERING AND ASKED IF I HAD ANY INDICATION
OF DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS RE ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. I TOLD HIM I HAD AND
HE CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING. PURSUANT TO PARA 2
REFTEL I REVIEWED WITH HIM PARA 4 OF AMMAN'S 3061.
I SAID I HAD NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD BE
VISITING ROMANIA SHORTLY AND I THOUGHT ROMANIAN-
SAUDI RELATIONS MIGHT WELL BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM.
LEVANTE SAID THIS WAS INDEED HIS GOVERNMENT'S
INTENTION AND GOR PLANNED TO INCLUDE ROMANIAN
MUSLIMS IN RECEPTION GROUP AND SHOW SADAT MOSQUES,
ETC.

2. LEVENTE HIT HARD ON SEEKING OUR SUPPORT WITH
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SAUDIS, POINTING OUT THAT ROMANIA WAS THE "FREEST"

OF ALL SOCIALIST STATES AND MIGHT WELL SERVE IN THE
FUTURE AS BRIDGE BETWEEN SAUDIS AND OTHER SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES EVENTUALLY, INCLUDING EVEN THE SOVIET
UNION. I AGAIN SUGGESTED SUBJECT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED
WITH SADAT AND DODGED HIS DIRECT REQUEST THAT WE
SUPPORT ROMANIAN INITIATIVE IN JIDDA. GODLEY

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